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*California
Artificial
Reef
Enhancement
PROGRAM*

March 15, 2004

Eric Gillies
California State Lands Commission
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202


Re: January 2004 Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Revised PRC-421
Pier Removal Project

Dear Mr. Gillies,

The California Artificial Reef Enhancement Program (CARE) is a non-profit organization that sponsors research and education on artificial reefs. We support the use of artificial reefs to provide and enhance habitats for marine life. The use of existing materials and structures may often be the most effective and efficient means to do this.

The proposed Revised PRC-421 Pier Removal Project makes appropriate use of such a structure for the benefit of birds and aquatic organisms. In particular, we endorse the use of the concrete caissons and their enhancement with quarry rock to provide hard-bottom substrate as fish habitat. Given the limited hard substrate in the area, the proposed project represents a valuable opportunity to enhance the available habitat. We appreciate State Lands' willingness to consider that approach.

Sincerely yours,



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Commenting Party: California Artificial Reef Enhancement Program (CARE), George Steinbach

Date of Comment(s): March 15, 2004

Responses to Comment(s):

10-1. Comment acknowledged.